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TAGS: MASS, JO, US, MO

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO

REF: (A) A;MAN 886, (B) AMMAN 839

1. REGARDING YOUR QUESTIONS REFTEL, PRECISE SCHEDULE OF
F-5E DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL
CONGRESS COMPLETES ITS REVIEW OF THE LOA (THIS REVIEW WAS
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK). THE LOA PROVIDES THAT AIR-
CRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY TO MOROCCO AT THE RATE
OF THREE PER MONTH STARTING IN NOVEMBER 1977, ALTHOUGH IT
IS POSSIBLE, IF THE LOA CAN BE SIGNED SOON, THAT THE FIRST

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THREE AIRCRAFT COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT BEGINNING AS

EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 1977. THESE DATES REFER TO THE TIME THE F-5E'S COME OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE; THE EXACT TIME OF THEIR ACTUAL ARRIVAL IN MOROCCO WOULD VARY WITH SHIPPING PROCEDURES.

2. THE USG HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC CONFIRMATION FROM THE GOM OF THEIR PROMISE TO THE GOJ ABOUT ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF F5-A'S BY NEW F-5E'S. (FYI. SUCH CONFIRMATION MIGHT EMERGE OUT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH RABAT INITIATED BY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 37576. END FYI). SHOULD WE RECEIVE SUCH CONFIRMATION WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADVISING GOJ. WE ASSUME THAT THE EXACT TERMS OF REPLACEMENT WOULD BE WORKED OUT STRICTLY BETWEEN THE GOM AND THE GOJ. WE ALSO ASSUME IT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USG HAS NO FUNDS TO ABSORB THE ADDED COSTS OF REPLACEMENT AND THAT FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

3. WE EXPECT THAT THE ATTENTION AND CRITICISM FROM CONGRESS AND THE PRESS WILL BE FOCUSED ON ANY UNUSUAL TRANSACTION INVOLVING U.S. WEAPONS GOING INTO AREA OF CONFLICT. THE JORDANIAN-IRANIAN-MOROCCAN TRANSACTIONS CERTAINLY FALL INTO THE UNUSUAL CATEGORY. EVEN WHAT MIGHT APPEAR TO BE ACCELERATED USG DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO WILL ATTRACT SIMILAR ATTENTION, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNALLED IN RECENT TOUGH CONGRESSIONAL STAFF QUESTIONING OF OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO MOROCCO. WE WILL, HOWEVER, VIGOROUSLY DEFEND OUR DECISIONS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT INVOLVE JORDAN AND IRAN.

4. THERE IS NO STANDARD TEXT FOR TRANSFER REQUESTS (PARA 7, REFTTEL B). ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF REQUEST INCLUDE THOSE OUTLINED BY YOU TO RIFAI (PARA 1, REFTTEL A), PLUS SOME INDICATION OF (A) FORM OF INTENDED TRANSFER (BY GRANT OR BY SALE), AND (B) HOW (E.G., FMS, MAP) AND WHEN EQUIPMENT WAS ORIGINALLY OBTAINED BY THE GOJ. REQUEST PREFERABLY SHOULD BE IN FORM OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE. UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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